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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 45.8 degrees, 4.7 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 27. Precipitation averaged 0.83 inches, 0.35 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 27 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 25. This is 2.6 days more than last year and 0.6 days more than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 14 percent very short, 39 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	5.8	5.5	145.5
2001	3.2	2.8	138.8
1997-2001 Average	5.2	5.2	148.1

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	14	39	45	2
Last Week	14	34	49	3
Same Week Last Year	1	7	48	44
1997-2001 Average	5	19	65	11

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

Ohio agricultural producers took advantage of the nearly six days suitable for fieldwork last week to continue harvesting both corn and soybeans, as well as planting winter wheat. An additional 20 percent of the State’s **Corn** acreage was harvested last week bringing the overall total to 57 percent.

This compares to the 31 percent harvested at this same time last year and the 48 percent normally completed. Virtually all of the acreage was considered mature by week’s end and reported yields continued to be highly variable. As of Sunday evening, only 14 percent of the **Soybean** acreage remained unharvested. The current pace is in line with the State’s five-year average and slightly ahead of last year. The majority of the acreage left to be harvested is double-cropped beans and late planted varieties. **Winter wheat** planting is quickly coming to an end with 95 percent of the intended acreage seeded. This year’s pace is 11 days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Most areas report good germination and uniform growth, but some of the drier areas of the State are having some problems. An additional 6 percent of the **Alfalfa** acreage was harvested for the fourth time last week, but many livestock producers remain concerned about winter hay supplies. **Fall and Winter Apple** harvest continues to trail slightly behind both last year and the five-year average with 87 percent completed. Dry weather caused fruit size to be smaller than normal in some locations but overall quality has been good. Ohio **Grape** growers are rapidly putting the finishing touches on this year’s crop with 97 percent of the acreage currently harvested. An additional 8 percent of the **Tobacco** crop was stripped last week as growers prepare for market.

Other agricultural activities taking place last week included, spreading lime and fertilizer, working ground, harvesting pumpkins, spreading manure, installing tile and grass waterways, inspecting and pruning Christmas trees, and clipping weeds in fall pastures.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Hay and pastures continued to show improvement with 58 and 56 percent now rated in fair-to-good condition respectively. Despite the recent improvements in pastures, many livestock producers continue to be concerned about winter hay supplies. This year’s poor pastures conditions forced many to feed hay much early than normal and some are having to buy hay or liquidate part of their herd. The majority of the State’s winter wheat acreage is rated in fair-to-good with 72 percent emerged.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	97	94	NA	91	NA
Corn mature	98	99	99	93	NA
Corn harvested for grain	57	31	48	37	51
Fall & Winter Apples harvested	87	88	89	79	NA
Grape acreage harvested	97	97	97	92	NA
Soybeans harvested	86	79	87	74	74
Tobacco stripped	26	22	17	18	NA
Winter wheat planted	95	85	92	88	84
Winter wheat emerged	72	67	69	57	65

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	19	22	39	19	1
Previous Week	21	29	34	13	3
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	18	25	40	16	1
Previous Week	22	28	37	12	1
Previous Year	4	12	38	39	7
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	27	56	15
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	3	7	32	50	8

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	43.0	-6.8	0.64	0.12	19.78	-3.31	7	-33	3384	302
North Central	44.1	-5.9	0.80	0.37	21.87	-1.94	9	-30	3370	334
Northeast	43.5	-5.9	0.80	0.32	24.26	-1.10	11	-28	3106	246
West Central	44.8	-5.7	1.09	0.64	25.15	0.52	14	-30	3550	330
Central	46.3	-4.6	1.03	0.58	24.61	-0.46	19	-27	3547	289
Central Hills	44.7	-5.0	0.85	0.41	23.64	-1.53	13	-29	3344	329
Northeast Hills	45.0	-5.1	0.78	0.35	22.87	-2.15	14	-29	3346	287
Southwest	47.5	-4.2	1.24	0.73	30.17	3.89	23	-26	3715	307
South Central	49.6	-2.2	0.45	-0.10	26.91	1.92	33	-21	3757	296
Southeast	48.0	-2.8	0.64	0.15	26.12	0.94	26	-22	3548	299
STATE	45.8	-4.7	0.83	0.35	24.67	-0.19	17	-27	3482	301

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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